



Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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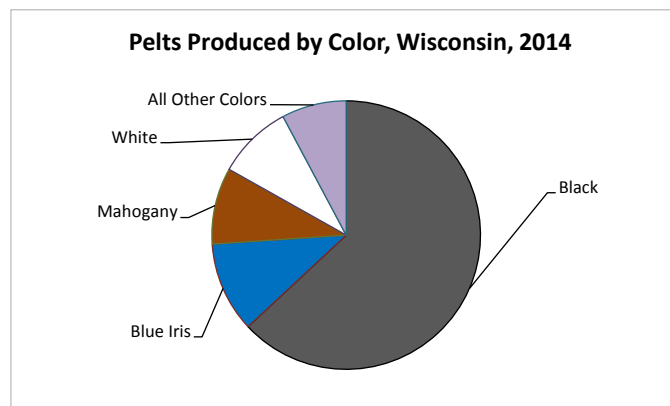
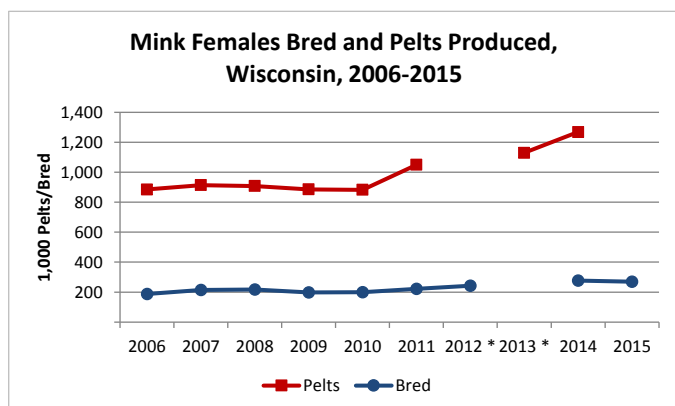
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Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for mink pelt production and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2014 totaled 1,268,760 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 958,760 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2014 totaled 3,763,250 pelts, up 6 percent from 2013. Wisconsin accounted for 34 percent of the nation's total pelt production for 2014.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2014 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 63 percent, Blue Iris at 11 percent, Mahogany at 9 percent, and White at 9 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent.

Females bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2015 totaled 268,690. Utah came in second with 211,810 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2015 totaled 853,140. Wisconsin accounted for 31 percent of the U.S. total females bred.

The U.S. value of pelts produced during the 2014 crop year was \$217 million, up 9 percent from the previous year. The average U.S. price per pelt for the 2014 crop year was \$57.70.



Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced – Wisconsin and United States: 2011-2015

Year	Females Bred		Pelts Produced ¹	
	WI	US	WI	US
2011	221,260	706,000	1,050,580	3,091,470
2012	242,390	769,970	NA	NA
2013	NA	NA	1,129,960	3,544,610
2014	276,990	851,530	1,268,760	3,763,250
2015	268,690	853,140		

NA = This data is not available due to the Federal government sequestration.

¹ 2015 Pelts Produced will be available July 2016.